THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various State Electricity Boards owe Rs. 355 crores to BHEL. NTPC owes Rs. 50 crores to the Company.

Application for industrial projects from APIDC

1460. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any application from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation is pending clearance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) what are the proposed projects submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Coporation and what are the hindrances in their clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Refund of deposits by the scooter companies

1461. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Lohia Machines, M/s. Apollo Scooters and M/s. Scooters India Ltd. are not making refund of deposits to their customers promptly upon cancellation of bookings;

(b) whether Government are aware that these companies are infact making part payment of the actual dues to customers after delay of years and that too wihout interest as promised at the time of receiving deposits from customers;

(c) what is the number of customers, who cancelled their bookings before 31st July, 1988 with each of the aforesaid companies, but could not get their complete dues till 30th October, 1988; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against these companies for harassing the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government have been receiving complaints against certain manufacturers regarding undue delay in the refund of deposits on cancellation of bookings. Most of these complaints relate to M/s. LML Limited. The company has reported that since January, 1987, they have been able to issue only part refund orders, constituting Rs. 206 of the principal amount along with the applicable interest at 7 per cent for the term of booking and at the rate of 11 per cent for the period of delay, in certain cases. The company has denied that they have made any refund without payment of applicable interest.

(c) M/s. LML Limited have reported that they received 3,68,450 cancellation requests between 1-1-87 to 31-7-88. Out of these, part refund orders constituting Rs. 200 of the principal amount with the applicable interest have been issued in respect of 95,426 cancellation requests. The number of customers who have not received any refund as on 30-10-1988 is 2,73,024.

The number of customers who cancelled their bookings with M/s. Scooters India Ltd., before 31.7.88, but could not get their dues as on 30.10.88, is 7,753.

(d) The acceptance of advance money against booking is considered a contractual obligation between the customer and the company. However with a view to

safeguarding customer's interest, Government has revised the guidelines for acceptance and deployment of advance money by the automobile manufacturers.

Demand of cement in the country

1462. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand of cement in the country has increased considerably during the last three years;

(b) whether a wide gap prevails between the production and demand of cement in the country; if so, what is the present and projected production and demand of cement by the end of current plan period;

(c) whether Government propose to set up or encourage setting up of cement plants to cope up with the growing demand; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the States which have been identified for locating the proposed cement plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir. The demand for cement has been projected by the Working Group for Seventh Plan to be increasing from 37 million tonnes during 1984-85 to 49 million tonnes during 1989-90.

(b) The targetted production of cement for he current year, which is also the terminal year of the Seventh Plan Period, is 49 million tonnes. This corresponds to the demand estimated by the Working Group on Cement Industry for the year.

(c) and (d) About 40 million tonnes of capacity for the manufacture of cement is under implementation in various States and Union Territories.

Further the Government has a policy to encourage creation of additional capacity in cement industry on a selective basis. In order to meet the increase in demand of cement as projected for the 8th Plan, Government encourages both establishment of new cement plants particularly in deficit areas as well as the modernisation and expansion of existing units to bring them to the optimum economical level. With regard to mini cement plants, such plants upto 100/200 TPD capacity based on VSK technology and scattered deposits of limestone are generally encouraged. The existing mini cement plants are permitted expansion of their capacity from 200 TPD to 300 TPD and even upto 600 TPD under certain conditions.

Implementation of recommendations of the Baijal Committee in the States

1463. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have opposed some of the major recommendations of the Baijal Committee in respect of central subsidy for industrialisation of backward areas in the country;

(b) if so, which States have opposed and which have accepted the Committee's recommendations; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to get the recommendations implemented in those States also were these are being opposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Baijal Committee had consulted the State Governments before submitting the report. The question of the States, therefore, opposing the recommendations does not arise. The Government of India has not extended the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme beyond 30-9-88.

Installation of three phase electric line in a village of Shimla

1464. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: